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Application No. 09/779,447

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : BANERJEE et al.

Confirmation No. 6690

Appl. No. : 09/779,447

Docket No. P19850

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Customer No. 7055

Group Art Unit: 1623

Examiner: Owens, Jr.

For : METHODS FOR INHIBITING ANGIOGENESIS

REQUEST FOR WITHDRAWAL OF FINALITY OF OFFICE ACTION

AND

**REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116
TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION MAILED NOVEMBER 18, 2003**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed November 18, 2003, which sets a three month shortened statutory period for response until February 18, 2003.

Applicants hereby request an extension of time for one month to extend the period for response until March 18, 2004, and are concurrently filing a formal Request for Extension of Time for one month accompanied by the appropriate government fee. However, if for any reason an extension of time is considered necessary to maintain the pendency of this application, including any extension of time that may be necessary for entry of an Examiner's Amendment, this is an express request for any required extension of time to maintain the pendency of the

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application, and authorization to charge any required extension of time fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Entry of the instant reply with reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

Applicants note that a Listing of Claims appears in the Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. 1.111, filed August 20, 2003.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.